what is the number of workers in public and private sectors who are likely to retire under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme during the year 1995-96;

(d) whether any difficulty is being experienced on the voluntary retirement of experienced/technical workers; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) As per the available information 1,76,954 workers/employees in the Central Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) have opted for Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) till 31.3.1995. The year-wise break up is is under:

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| Upto 31.3.1993 | — | 1,01,295 |
| During 1993-94 | — | 46,426 |
| During 1994-95 | — | 29,233 |
| | Total = | 1,76,954 |

The assesment about the number of employees/workers who would be retiring have to be made by the PSEs themselves. The exact number of employees/workers who would be retiring under the VRS during the year 1995-96 in each PSE is, therefore, not available.

Information on VRS with regard to Private Sector is not maintained.

The total amount paid to the workers/employees on their retirement is an ex-gratia payment equivalent to 1¼ months' emoluments (pay+DA) for each completed year of service or the monthly emoluments (pay+DA) at the time of retirment multiplied by the balance months of service left before the normal date of retirement, whichever is less.

(d) and (e) As the VRS is meant to be introduced only when there is surplus manpower the question of experiencing any difficulty on the voluntary retirement of experienced/technical workers etc. does not arise.

**Testing of Unani Drugs**

1780. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established Pharmacopoaia Committee and testing laboratory in the National Capital to test the Unani drugs supplied to C.G.H.S. dispansaries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to ensure the quality of Unani medicines supplied to the C.G.H.S. beneficiaries in the Capital and elsewhere?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Govt. of India has established Unani Pharmacopoeia Committee and Pharmacopoeial Laboratory of Indian Medicine, Ghaziabad to test the medicines of Ayurved, Unani and Siddha. This Laboratory also undertakes testing of the samples of Unani drugs sent from CGHS Unani Stores.

The Unani Purchase Advisory Committee comprising the experts of CGHS and the Ministry of Health monitor the quality of Unani medicines which are provided for use of CGHS beneficiaries. Besides, tests for quality are also carried out in PLIM, Ghaziabad.

**Solar Photovoltaic Plants in Maharashtra**

1781. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many solar photovoltaic plants are likely to be set up in Maharashtra during the remaining period of Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?